

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FORMER POLYONE INC. PROPERTY KINGSTREE, SOUTH CAROLINA

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through April 17, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6353-NRP, will affect approximately 60 acres located at 1457 Eastland Avenue, Kingstree, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Williamsburg County Tax Map Serial Numbers 18-047-039 and 18-047-001. A company known as United Phosphorus Inc. (United) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and United.

The property was historically used to manufacture ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM), asphalt and metal roofing systems, poly-iso insulation, and accessories for the commercial roofing industry. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. United intends to develop the property for the storage and production of crop protection products. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow United to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold United responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, United will test soil, groundwater, and sediment on the property. If significant contamination is found, United will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. United did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, United will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through March 17, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by email at stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.